AN ADDITIONAL SYNONYM IN ANNAPHILA (LEPIDOPTERA, PHALÆNIDÆ)

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Dr. Eugene Munroe of the Division of Entomology, Department of Agriculture, Ottawa, recently called the author's attention to the species described as Brephos fletcheri J. B. Smith (1907, Canadian Ent., vol. 39, p. 370), wondering whether or not it was correctly placed. This moth was described in the family Brephidæ by Smith, although most authors have regarded this group as a subfamily of the Geometridæ. An examination of the type in the collection of Rutgers University shows that this species was incorrectly determined by Smith; it is unquestionably an Annaphila, and it falls as a synonym of arvalis Henry Edwards (1875, Proc. California Acad. Sci., ser. 1, vol. 6, p. 136). The pattern and structures of the type, including the genitalia (the type is a male and not a female as stated on the type label) agree with the descriptions and illustrations given for arvalis in "A revision of the genus Annaphila Grote (Lepidoptera, Phalænidæ), '' by Rindge and C. I. Smith, 1952, Bull. Amer. Mus. Nat. Hist., vol. 98, p. 210, fig. 1F. This extends the range of arvalis into the southern British Columbia; the type locality for fletcheri is Goldstream, B. C. (not Coldstream as given in the original description), March 23, 1902 (E. M. Anderson). A second male, from the collection of the Provincial Museum, Victoria, British Columbia, has been examined. It is from the same locality as Smith's type, and is dated March 22, 1903; this specimen is badly faded but is definitely referable to arvalis Henry Edwards.